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SUBJECT: TRANSIT OF USS HANCOCK THROUGH MALACCA STRAITS

REF: A. STATE 214750; B. STATE 213820; C. STATE 089032 (1972)
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1. EMBASSY RECORDS INDICATE THAT WHILE WE HAVE NOT GIVEN
GOI COURTESY NOTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF US WARSHIP
THROUGH INDONESIAN-CLAIMED WATERS SOLELY ON GROUNDS IT
TRANSITTING MALACCA STRAITS (REF C), WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED
PURPOSE OF KEEPING ISSUE DEFUSED BY GIVING NOTIFICATION
THAT SUCH VESSEL WOULD BE TRANSITTING INDONESIAN WATERS
ON VOYAGE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS.
GIVEN FACT THAT INDONESIA CLAIMS LARGE PORTIONS OF
WATERS SURROUNDING INDONESIAN ISLANDS OFF SINGAPORE IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE FOR A SHIP TO GO THROUGH THE MALACCA STRAITS
WITHOUT TRANSITTING SUCH CLAIMED WATERS.

2. INDONESIA DOES NOT VIEW MALACCA STRAITS AS BEING A
DIFFERENT CASE FROM BOMBOK OR SUNDA, EXCEPT INsofar AS
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THE NUMBER OF NATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN CASE

OF A SHIP TRANSIT AND I WOULD ONLY FURTHER AGGRAVATE
SITUATION BY USING GUIDANCE IN PARA 2 REF A AND PARA 2
REF B.

3. I URGE THAT I BE INSTRUCTED ON PRIORITY BASIS ALONG
LINES PARA 4 REF D. AS I ENVISAGE IT I WOULD TELL MALIK
VERBALLY THAT I REGRET OUR NOT HAVING GIVEN GOI THE
USUAL COURTESY NOTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF US WARSHIP
THROUGH INDONESIAN-CLAIMED WATERS, WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY
MENTIONING MALACCA STRAITS. FURTHER, IF WE HOPE TO
KEEP DEFUSED MAJOR BILATERAL PROBLEM OF OUR DIFFERING
VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL STRAITS AND TERRITORIAL WATERS,
WE MUST SOMEHOW NOTIFY GOI OF WARSHIPS PASSING THROUGH
MALACCA STRAITS EITHER USING STRATEGEM ADOPTED BY EMBASSY
OR SOME OTHER.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE REPLY SO THAT I CAN GET TO
MALIK BEFORE WEEKEND.
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